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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2002, Paper No. 5, for which a response is due on March 26, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

This amendment attempts to follow the Revised Format for Amendments described in the U. S. Patent Office News Release dated January 31, 2003.

Please enter the following amendments which Applicants' believe places the claims in condition for allowance.